



Illinois Department of Transportation

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CIRCULAR LETTER 2009-14

FY 2011 TRUCK ACCESS ROUTE PROGRAM (TARP)

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS - DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS/MAYORS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The department has proposed the Truck Access Route Program (TARP) be funded in FY 2011. If enabling legislation is passed and signed, we anticipate funding will be available for this program beginning in July 2010. Even though new state laws increase the legal load on all Illinois highways to 80,000 pounds on January 1, 2010, we intend to select FY 2011 TARP projects in the same manner, considering the same termini requirements, as in past years.

A blank TARP application form is attached. Each candidate project must have a completed application. Applications should include information pertaining to prior commitments by the department; a description of industries or truck generators served; projected growth; and number of trucks using the route. Information pertaining to phase construction that completes a truck route or is part of a multi-stage construction should be provided.

Only sections of roadway determined to be eligible for upgrading to an 80,000 pound truck route will be funded from the program. Roadway sections that were previously upgraded with TARP funds are not eligible for funding from this program. The TARP is not intended for use in pavement preservation or maintenance projects. The program will provide \$30,000 per lane mile and \$15,000 per intersection up to one-half of the project construction cost, subject to a maximum of \$600,000 per project. Truck Access Route Program funds can be used for construction only.

Proposed projects should be submitted to your district office no later than **November 20, 2009**. Any questions regarding the funding for the Truck Access Route Program should be directed to Steve Dwyer at (217) 782-3401. Questions involving design issues should be addressed to the appropriate Project Development Engineer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell Lewis".

Darrell W. Lewis, P.E.
Acting Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Attachment

APPLICATION FOR FY 2011 ILLINOIS TARP FUNDS

IDOT District _____ Local Agency _____

County _____ Route Name/ Number _____

Functional Classification _____

Limits _____ (Include Location Map)

Intersections with Truck Routes (State/County/Local)

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Section Number (if available) _____

Project Length _____ Total Lane Miles _____ Number of Eligible Intersections _____

ADT _____ ADTT _____

Estimate of Cost of Project _____ (Construction Costs Only)

TARP Funds Requested _____

Other Funds to be Used _____

Anticipated Letting Date in FY 2011 _____

Truck Generators _____

Connecting Truck Routes (State/County/Local)

Related SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (STR) PROGRAM Project